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PART III.

Legislative Measures and Rules thereunder.

NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 544—L. C., dated 27th April 1920.

A meeting of the Mysore Legislative Council will be held in the Public Offices Buildings, Bangalore, at 12 noon on Wednesday the 19th May 1920.

By Order,
P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Mysore Legislative Council.

No. 545—L. C., dated 27th April 1920.

Under Rule 40 of the Rules for the conduct of business of the Mysore Legislative Council, the following Report of the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Village Courts Regulation, 1913, is published for general information.

By Order,
P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council.

Report of the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

We, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the above Bill, have the honor to submit the following report:—

Clause 1.—Since the two sentences comprising Section 75 as it stands at present have no connection with each other, it is considered that the first sentence relating to the power of the Chief Court to prescribe forms may form a separate section by itself, *viz.*, Section 75.

The second sentence may go into a new Section 75 A and form sub-section (1) thereof. To provide for the inspection of the Village Courts by the Subordinate Revenue Officers, a new clause may be added as sub-section (2) making it competent to the Deputy Commissioner to authorise the Revenue Officers not below the rank of Amildars to inspect the Courts. The reason for our splitting up the provision suggested in the Bill is that it does not seem to be expedient to authorise the subordinate Revenue Officers to call for the registers and records as in the case of the District Judge, the Munsiff and the Deputy Commissioner, and that it is necessary and sufficient to empower them to inspect the registers and records on the spot.

As thus amended Section 75 and the new Section 75A will stand as follows :—

Power of Chief Court to prescribe forms.

"75. The Chief Court may, from time to time, prescribe forms for use in Village Courts and the returns which they shall be bound to submit.

Inspection of registers and records.

"75A. (1) The District Judge or the Deputy Commissioner or the Munsiff may at any time call for and inspect the registers and records of Village Courts.

(2) It shall be competent to the Deputy Commissioner to authorise generally or specially any Revenue Officer not below the rank of Amildar to inspect the registers and records of Village Courts in his District."

2. As regards the new Section 77 included in the Bill, we are of opinion that clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of Sub-section (2) are unnecessary as the Regulation, as it stands now, lays down the procedure to be followed by Village Courts and also provides for the framing of rules for the service of process and execution of decrees. We further consider that the words "and disposal" may be introduced after the word "levy" in clause (*c*) to regulate the disposal of the fees realised. We have followed, in this respect, the provision of Section 74 of the United Provinces Village Courts Act, 1892.

3. We recommend that the Bill may be passed with the alterations suggested above and that the Bill as amended need not be published in the Gazette.

4. Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao having resigned his membership on the Legislative Council Mr. C. S. Doraswami Iyer, Government Advocate, was present, having been invited to take part in the proceedings under Rule 43 of the Rules for conduct of business in the Legislative Council.

MIR HAMZA HUSEIN.
K. CHANDY.
RAO BAHADUR M. C. RANGA IYENGAR.

NOTE.—Rao Saheb H. Chenniah was unable to be present at the meeting.